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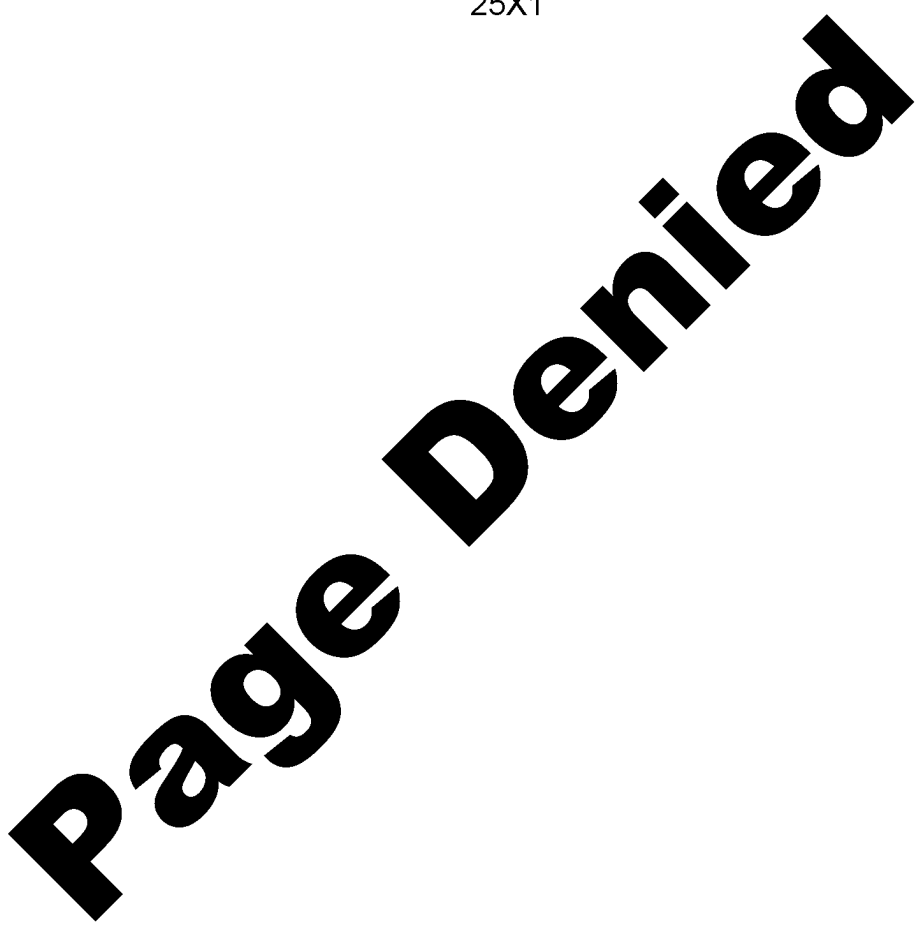

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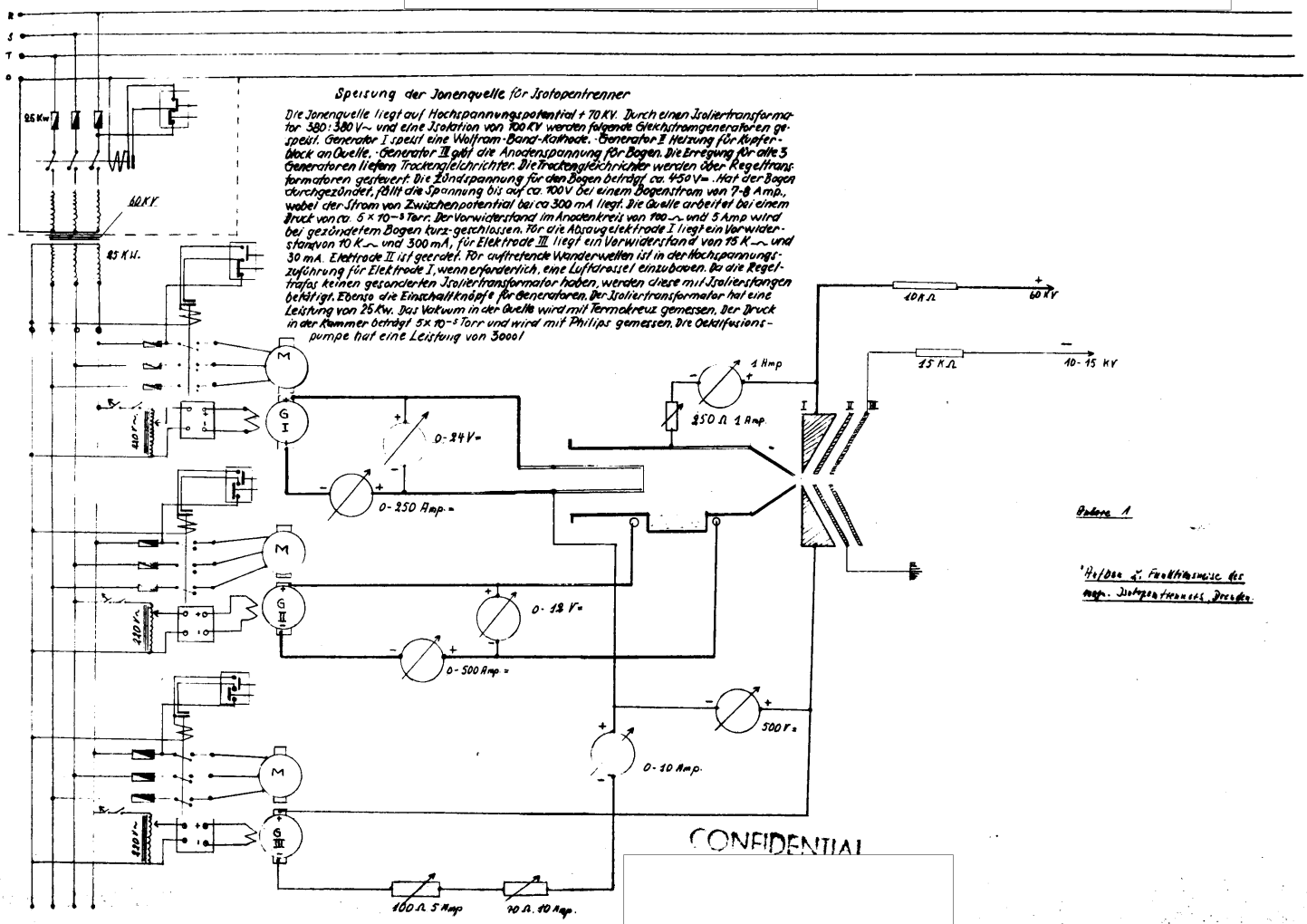

Bedeutung 1

Aufbau u. Funktionsweise der magn. Isotopentrennanlage, Dresden

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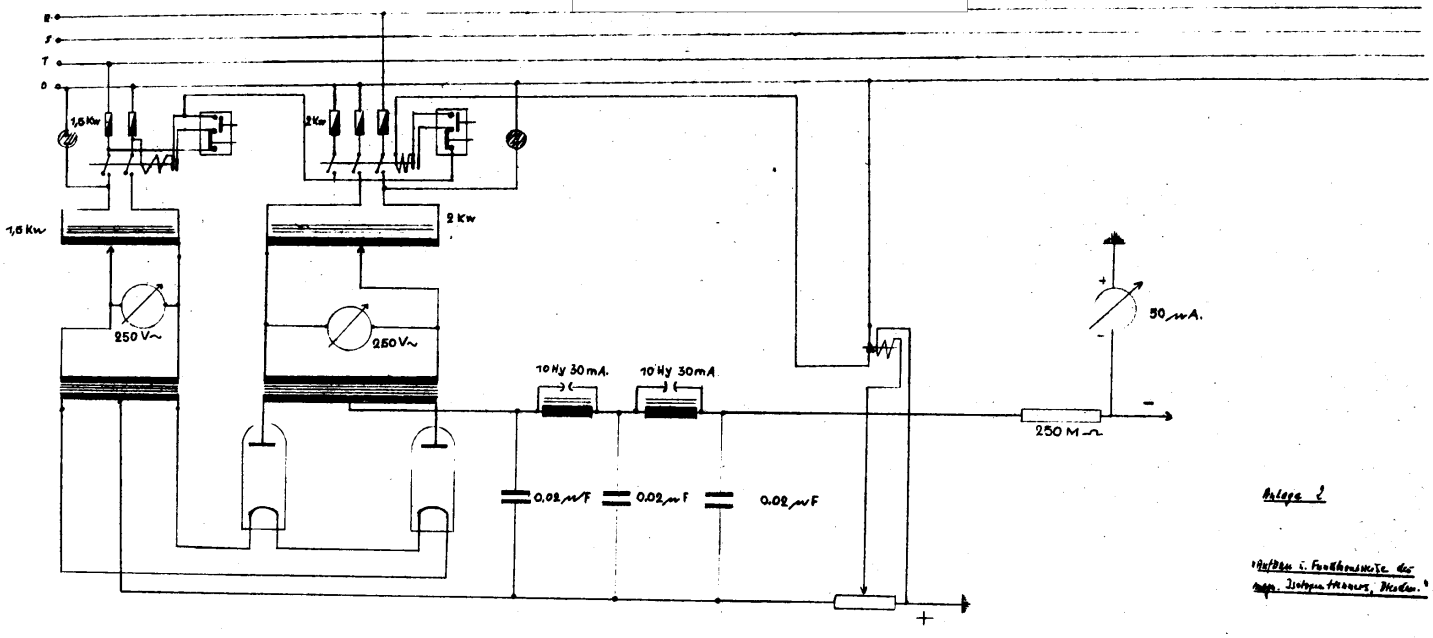

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Aufbau d. Funkenstrecke des Hochspannungsgerätes, Modell

Hochspannungsanlage 25 KV

Die Hochspannungsanlage Doppelweg-Gleichrichtung wird benötigt für die Abzugselektrode II des Isotopentrenners. Die Stufenzahl beträgt je Kondensator 0,02 µF (3 Stück) und 2 Drosseln je 10 Hy - 1 mA. Die Anlage ist strommäßig durch Überstromrelais abgesichert. - Zu beachten ist, wenn Heizung der Ventile nicht eingeschaltet ist, kann die Anodenspannung nicht zugeschaltet werden. Die Spannung der Hochspannungsanlage wird über Meßwiderstand-Instrument zur Erde gemessen.

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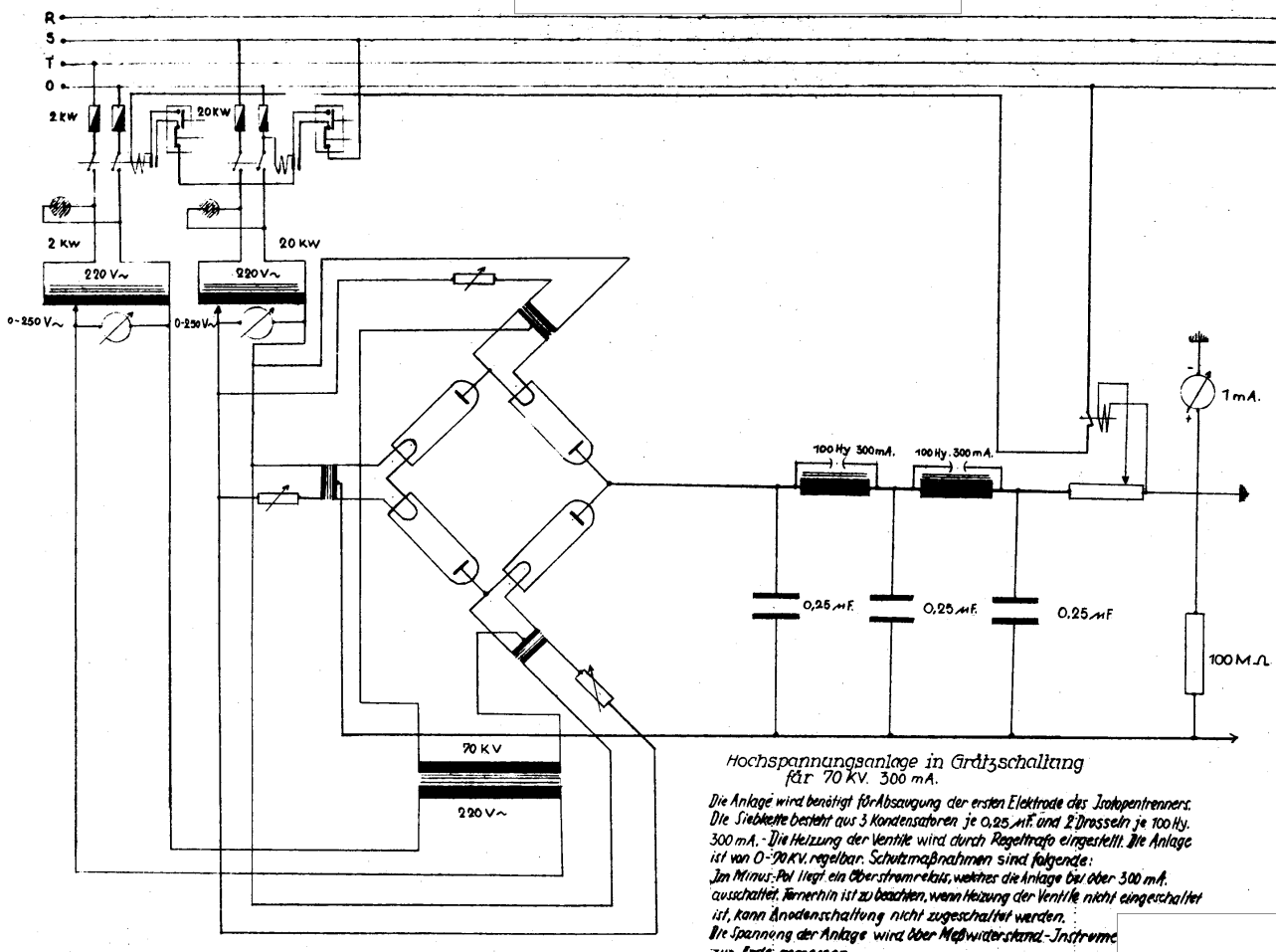

Anlage 3

Hochspannungsanlage in Grätzschaltung
für 70 KV. 300 mA.

Die Anlage wird benötigt für Absaugung der ersten Elektrode des Ionenpentrenners. Die Siebkette besteht aus 3 Kondensatoren je 0,25 mF. und 2 Drosseln je 100 Hy. 300 mA. - Die Heizung der Ventile wird durch Regeltrafo eingestellt. Die Anlage ist von 0-70 KV. regelbar. Schutzmaßnahmen sind folgende: Im Minus-Pol liegt ein Überstromrelais, welches die Anlage bei über 300 mA. ausschaltet. Ferner ist zu beachten, wenn Heizung der Ventile nicht eingeschaltet ist, kann Anodenschaltung nicht zugeschaltet werden. Die Spannung der Anlage wird über Meßwiderstand-Instrume[illegible] zur Erde gemessen.

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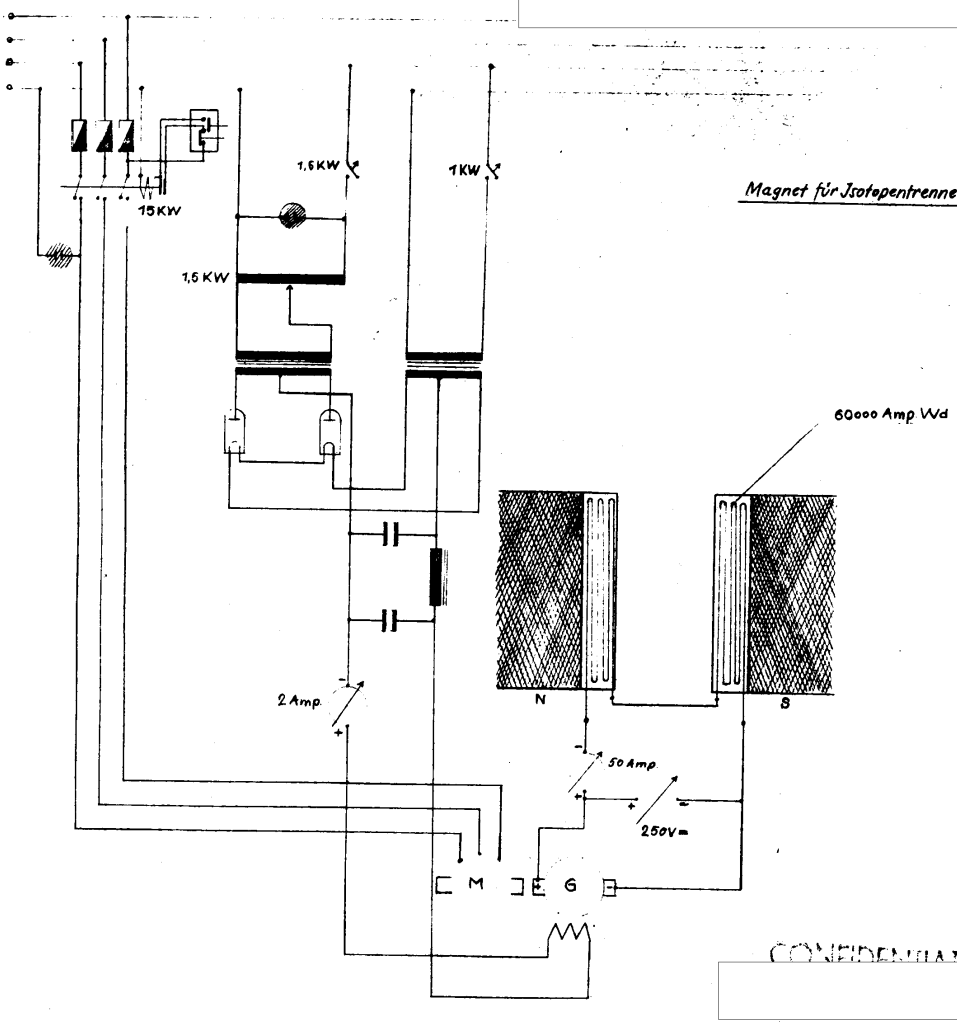

Magnet für Isotopentrenner 25 t

Anlage 4

Aufbau u. Funktionsweise der magn. Isotopentrennanlage, Druck.

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